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TO: Bay Fill Policies Working Group Members

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SUBJECT: May 21, 2015 Commission Bay Fill Policies Working Group Meeting Summary

ATTENDEES: Commissioners: Barry Nelson, Chair, Jason Brush, Jane Hicks, Jim McGrath, and Sean Randolph. Public attendees included John Coleman from the Bay Planning Coalition.

1. **Roll Call, Introductions and Approval of Agenda.** Chair, Barry Nelson, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 am.
2. **Comments on the April 16, 2015 Meeting Summary.** The summary was approved.
3. **Policies for a Rising Bay Project Update.** Sarah Richmond of BCDC provided an update on the Policies for a Rising Bay Workshop, which was on held to identify and select potential case study areas. The Workshop involved a variety of experts in environmental sciences, engineering and planning. The full presentation and case study examples can be found at <http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/bayfill/0521policies-rising-baypp.pdf>. Presentation highlights included:
 - a. **Project goal recap.** Collaboratively evaluate BCDC's fill policies in light of sea level rise and develop guidance for the Commission, staff and project proponents to promote shoreline resilience.
 - b. **Case Studies**
 - i. Five case studies reflecting a diversity of shoreline settings and natural resource/development assets.
 - ii. Workshop participants evaluated adaptation actions that protect existing assets to mid-century and that are adaptable to end of century.
 - iii. Each case study was evaluated using various assumptions and scenarios posed by the participants (erosion, wave attenuation, sediment accretion, flooding, etc.).
 - c. **Next Steps.**
 - i. Refine adaptation action "cheat sheet".
 - ii. Identify adaptation actions that raise policy issues.
 - iii. Solicit feedback on selection of case studies during July 24th Steering Committee Meeting.

Working Group Discussion

- a. Funding was not discussed, but it is assumed that the high-risk assets would be protected. Whether or not this assumption is true is yet to be known.
- b. The groups did not address Environmental Justice group's concerns, such as landfills. We will ensure that these issues are addressed in the case studies.
 - i. Focus was placed on the technical aspects of the case study scenarios, but each of the scenarios did include landfills, contaminated lands and housing. These issues will be well addressed in the final analysis. The key focus is placed on BCDC's policies and policy gaps.
 - ii. The Steering Committee should identify the key institutional issues that they cannot address, in order to guide the discussion on where we go once adaptation measures are identified.
 - iii. The Steering Committee needs to meet with the Environmental Justice groups and show them the work and analysis that has already been done and then get their comments and reactions to make sure that the case studies apply to their concerns.
- c. When looking at the project's findings, the Working Group will also need to look at the regulatory process and discuss possible solutions that may test the boundaries of the current policies, laws and regulations.

4. **Committee Discussion on Future Meetings.** The Working Group discussed potential policy issues that could be agendaized for future meetings as well as integration between the Bay Fill Working Group, the Rising Sea Level Working Group and the Commission.

- a. How are we going to take these issues and turn it into an actual lesson plan?
 - i. Staff needs to look at the policy issues and figure out how to facilitate the discussions for future meetings.
- b. More thought needs to be put into involving other Regulatory and Resource Agencies as we discuss the policy issues.

5. **Selection of a new name for the working group.** The Working Group selected *Bay Adaptation Working Group* as the new working group name.

6. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.